

VI Archangel

A. LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

Primary Uses: Unit A, Mining, Recreation; Unit B, Recreation

Secondary Use: Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Prohibited Uses: Settlement, Remote Cabin Permits, Large-scale Commercial Development, Grazing Outside Designated Areas (See Map 3, pages 116/117), Mining in Unit B

Mining: Open except the southern tip

B. BACKGROUND

This valley is part of the historic lode district and has many patented and unpatented federal claims and state mining claims. Two small lode mines are currently active. The rugged, glacially carved valley has high scenic appeal and many interesting geologic features such as rock glaciers and boulder areas. It provides unique rock climbing opportunities, and is popular for hiking, mountaineering, outdoor education, skiing, dog mushing and snowmachining. The numerous old mining trails, tunnels, and ruins add historical interest. Trapping furbearers and ptarmigan hunting are historical uses in the valley. Archangel Creek is a coho salmon spawning and rearing area. Snowbird Glacier is a popular year-round skiing destination which is most often accessed on foot via Glacier Creek valley or by skiplane or helicopter.

C. MANAGEMENT INTENT

The management intent is to encourage mining; provide for dispersed recreation including, but not limited to, small game hunting, trapping, snowmachining, skiing, dog mushing, rock climbing, hiking, encourage outdoor education, and to conserve scenic values.